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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE REGARDING ICRC ACTIVITIES CYPRUS
RECEIVED BY MISSION FROM ICRC AUGUST 1: QTE

THE ICRC HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT AS A RESULT OF THE DECLARATION OF THE 30TH JULY 1974 OF THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREECE, THE UNITED KINGDON AND TURKEY, AND IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN CYPRUS, NEW AND IMPORTANT TASKS CONFRONT THE ICRC.

CLAUSE 3 SUB-PARAGRAPH D) OF THE DECLARATION STIPULATES THAT: "MILITARY PERSONNEL AND CIVILIANS DETAINED AS A RESULT OF THE RECENT HOSTILITIES SHALL BE EITHER EXCHANGED OR RELEASED UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE ICRC WITHIN THE SHORTEST TIME POSSIBLE."

ON THE OTHER HAND, AT THE REQUEST OF THE GREEK CYPRIOT AND TURK CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES, AND IN CO-OPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS, THE ICRC DELEGATION IN CYPRUS HAS BEEN ASKED TO ASSURE THE NEUTRALISATION AND FREE MOVEMENT, UNDER ITS AUSPICES, OF THE RELIEF CONVOYS. SUCH CONVOYS HAVING THE TASK OF SUPPLYING THE POPULATION WITH VARIOUS ESSENTIALS OF LIFE, WHETHER IN DETENTION

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TRANSIT OR REFUGEE CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE ISLAND.

IT FOLLOWS THAT THE ICRC IS NOW OBLIGED TO INCREASE CONSIDERABLY THE NUMBER OF DELEGATES IN CYPRUS IN ORDER TO ASSUME THE ABOVE MENTIONED NEW TASKS. THE HEAD OF THE ICRC DELEGATION IN CYPRUS HAS BEEN ASKED TO DRAW UP A DETAILED PLAN OF ALL THE ACTION TO BE UNDERTAKEN, AND A BUDGET WILL BE PREPARED IN THE SHORTEST POSSIBLE TIME.

AS SOON AS IT HAS THIS INFORMATION, THE ICRC PROPOSES TO APPEAL TO THE NUMEROUS STATES WHICH IN THE PAST HAVE ALWAYS GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED ITS HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITIES.

MEANWHILE, THE ICRC REQUESTS YOUR GOVERNMENT TO VIEW THIS NEW APPEAL WHICH IS ABOUT TO BE MADE WITH FAVOR. END QUOTE.

2. ICRC'S APPEAL WILL BE TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT.DALE

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